

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the present application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Claims 26, 27, 29-70, 73-75, 77-86 and 88 are presently active in this application, claims 1-25, 28, 71, 72, 76 and 87 having been cancelled. Claims 26, 27, 29-61, 74, 75, 77-86 and 88 are allowed. Claims 62-71 and 73 were rejected and claim 72 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 62 and 69 are amended herein. However, in spite of these amendments, applicant reserves the right to traverse the Examiner's rejections of the claims as previously set forth and the Examiner's positions set forth in the Office Action, e.g., by filing a continuation application with such claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 62-71 and 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakanishi (U.S. Pat. No. 4,744,601) in view of Smittle et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,770,315).

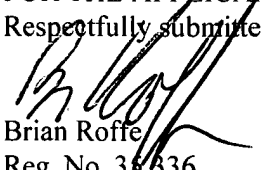
Claim 62 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 72 and intervening claim 71. Claim 69 is amended to be consistent with the change to claim 62. These changes do not raise new issues and thus this amendment should be entered.

Also, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 72, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections of claims 62-71 and 73 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakanishi in view of Smittle et al. has been overcome and should be removed.

If the Examiner should determine that minor changes to the claims to obviate informalities are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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